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BILKO! WHY AREN'T YOU OUT TESTING THE NEW SLEEPING BAGS?
NEW SLEEPING BAGS, SIR? YOU, WHOSE SPARTAN EXAMPLE TAUGHT ME TO DO WITH THE BARE NECESSITIES -- TO DENY MYSELF EVERY LUXURY--REALLY, THE COLONEL MUST BE JOKING!
HEY SARGE, TELL HIM YOU DIDN'T GET TO USE THE OLD ONES YET!
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THAT'S IT, MEN! THERE'LL BE A DEMONSTRATION OF NEW WEAPONS ON THIS POST NEXT WEEK IN HONOR OF GENERAL PLINKAM OF THE PENTAGON. YOU'RE ALL INVITED -- BY ORDER OF THE COLONEL. READ IT AND WEEP.
NEW WEAPONS? BUT SARGE, WE HAVEN'T USED THE OLD ONES YET.
ORDER
COLONEL HALL
YEAH. AND WITH THOSE NEW WEAPONS. A GUY CAN GET HURT.
NOT IF WE'RE NOT THERE. I BET BILKO CAN GET US OUT OF IT, HUH, SARGE?
C'MON, ERNIE -- DO WE HAVE TO GO? MAYBE YOU CAN THINK OF SOMETHING.
WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL? SO YOU'LL GO OUT AND ACT LIKE SOLDIERS FOR A WHILE. AFTER ALL, THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE PAID FOR.
SARGE! I GOT IT! MAYBE WE CAN ALL GO AWOL.
AWOL? YOU KIDDING?
GOOD IDEA! THEN THE WORST THEY CAN DO IS SHOOT US -- AND THEY MIGHT MISS!
NOT ME! I CAN'T GO AWOL! I GOT NO PLACE TO GO.

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I KNOW! I'LL GO ON SICK CALL-- ALL OF A SUDDEN MY LEG HURTS!
IT'S NOT YOUR LEG-- IT'S YOUR BACK! MAYBE YOU OUGHTTA RAVE THAT YELLOW STREAK REMOVED!
HOW MANY BEDS THEY GOT IN THE HOSPITAL? I GOT THE SAME COMPLAINT. MAYBE IT'S CATCHING.
COME ON, COME ON! YOU GUYS ACT LIKE YOU'RE BEING SENT OVERSEAS! I CAN SEE I'VE COODLED YOU TOO MUCH--YOU'VE BECOME SOFT! IT'S JUST ANOTHER FORMATION--SO WHAT! YOU WON'T BE LONESOME--THE COLONEL WILL BE THERE!
SURE HE WILL, AND SO WILL A GENERAL OR TWO-- BUT WHO NEEDS IT? YOU'RE NOT GOING YOURSELF, WHICH PROVES IT'S A BACK-BREAKER, SARGE!
THAT'S RIGHT, ERNIE! YOU KNOW *YOU* WOULDN'T BE CAUGHT DEAD ON A DEAL LIKE THIS!
WHAT!!! IS THIS THE WAY YOU BOYS REWARD ME FOR THE NIGHTS I'VE STAYED UP WORRYING ABOUT YOUR ENTERTAINMENT? PLANNING YOUR MENUS? YOUR WELFARE? FOR SHAME!
WELL, IF YOU WERE REALLY WORRIED ABOUT OUR WELFARE, YOU'D BE ABLE TO PUT IN A LOT OF NIGHTS WORRYING ABOUT *THIS* ONE! TO US THIS AIN'T WELFARE-- IT'S *WARFARE!*
THAT'S RIGHT, ERNIE! NOBODY HERE WANTS TO GO ON THIS NEW WEAPONS DEMONSTRATION! LIKE YOU SAY, WE'VE BECOME TOO SOFT! IT'D KILL US!
HMM!
OKAY, OKAY, LET ME SEE IF I UNDERSTAND YOU GENTLEMEN PERFECTLY... NONE OF YOU WANTS TO GO OUT ON THIS PARTICULAR FORMATION-- IS THAT RIGHT?
NOW YOU'RE COOKING!
YOU SAID IT!
HE CATCHES ON REAL FAST!
FINE! IN OTHER WORDS, THAT MEANS YOU WANT PROTECTION FROM THIS NAUSEATING DETAIL, RIGHT? OKAY. NOW IF I CAN PROMISE YOU PROTECTION, WHAT'S IT WORTH TO YOU? HOW MUCH? SPEAK UP, YOU WEAKLINGS!
HUH? PROTECTION? HOW MUCH?
YOU MEAN *MONEY?*
WITH BILKO-- WHAT ELSE?
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PROTECTION? YOU MEAN YOU CAN REALLY GET US OFF THIS DETAIL, ERNIE? GEE! BUT HOW?
I THINK IT COULD BE ARRANGED. BUT OF COURSE IT'LL BE QUITE A RISK--I'LL BE STICKING MY NECK OUT. BUT IF MY PALS WANT IT, THAT'S ALL I NEED KNOW--
--THAT, AND HOW MUCH?
I'M IN, ERNIE--HERE'S TEN.
TEN? I WANT DOUBLE PROTECTION, SARGE, HERE'S TWENTY.
I'VE GOT FIVE.
I SEE WE SUDDENLY HAVE A LOT OF PACIFISTS IN THIS PLATOON, BARBELLA! OKAY, TAKE THEIR NAMES AND THEIR MONEY! MAYBE WE CAN WORK SOMETHING OUT FOR THEM!
OKAY, ERNIE, IF YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING. BUT I'M TELLING YOU, THIS WON'T BE EASY. SHOVING OFF HIS COMPANY IS A BIG DEAL WITH THE OLD MAN--HE'LL BE COUNTING HEADS.
WHAT ABOUT YOU, DOBERMAN? DON'T YOU WANT SOME PROTECTION, TOO?
GEE, SARGE, I CAN'T MAKE UP MY MIND! IT MIGHT BE FUN WATCHING SOME OF THOSE NEW WEAPONS. I MIGHT EVEN GET A CHANCE TO USE THIS SLINGSHOT I MADE.
SLINGSHOT? DOBERMAN, I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU--SINCE THEY INVENTED THE ATOM BOMB, THE ARMY HAS HAD VERY LITTLE USE FOR SLINGSHOTS! AND THAT GOES FOR BOWS AND ARROWS, BLOW DARTS AND HOT FOOTS, AS WELL! HOW MUCH SHOULD I PUT YOU DOWN FOR?
HOW ABOUT A DOLLAR'S WORTH, SARGE? IT'S ALL I'VE GOT LEFT. I SPENT THE REST OF MY MONEY ON SPARE PARTS FOR MY SLING SHOT.
SPARE PARTS FOR A SLINGSHOT? DOBERMAN, YOU'D HAVE BEEN BETTER OFF INVESTING YOUR MONEY IN SPARE PARTS FOR YOUR HEAD!
I TRIED, SARGE, BUT I COULDN'T GET ANY.
OKAY, ERNIE, HERE YOU ARE! IT COMES TO 250 BUCKS. THAT'S A LOT OF PROTECTION--OR AN AWFUL BIG HEADACHE IF YOU DON'T DELIVER!
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DON'T WORRY! I'M GOING OUT RIGHT NOW AND INVEST THIS MONEY WISELY!
ERNIE! DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE GOING TO BLOW ALL THAT DOUGH ON A HORSE?
NOT JUST A HORSE, BARBELLA, BUT A PARTICULAR HORSE! "PINWHEEL"--HE'S GOING IN THE FIFTH AT 30 TO 1.
BUT, ERNIE--THAT MONEY IS FOR PROTECTION FOR THE MEN!
RACING NEWS
RACING FORM
OF COURSE! IF "PINWHEEL" COMES IN, THEY'LL HAVE PLENTY OF PROTECTION--FOR THEIR OLD AGE! IT'S CALLED MONEY!
THAT HORSE BETTER WIN, OR YOU'LL NEED SOME PROTECTION YOURSELF!
RACING NEWS
TURF
OH, SARGE, THERE'S A VISITOR AT THE GATE FOR OUR NEW RECRUIT!
VISITOR FOR WHOM? NEW RECRUIT? WHAT NEW RECRUIT? HOW DID A NEW RECRUIT GET INTO OUR BARRACKS? WHO IS HE? WHAT'S HIS NAME? DO I KNOW HIM!
RACING
ER-N-NO, SARGE--
WE'VE BEEN KEEPING HIM ON K.P. MOST OF THE TIME, SARGE! NAME'S ELBERT SOMETHING OR OTHER! WE DIDN'T THINK YOU WANTED TO BE BOTHERED WITH HIM!
THAT'S RIGHT! AND I CAN'T BE BOTHERED NOW! I'VE JUST GOT TIME TO MAKE THAT BUS INTO TOWN! SEE YOU LATER!
NOW THAT'S THE KIND OF RECRUIT I'D LIKE TO BE BOTHERED WITH! BUT NOT NOW! I'VE GOT WORK TO DO--AN INVESTMENT AT 30 TO 1.
GATE A

LATER...
OH, WELL! YOU CAN'T WIN 'EM ALL! AT LEAST I CAN'T SAY MY HORSE DIDN'T TRY! HE SHOWED UP AT THE STARTING POST, ANYWAY! TOO BAD NOBODY TOLD HIM HE HAD TO GO AROUND THE TRACK A FEW TIMES!
TRACK
COTTON? YOU WANT 25 CENTS WORTH OF COTTON? WHY DON'T YOU GET IT ON THE POST, SOLDIER? WOULDN'T COST YOU ANYTHING!
BECAUSE I'M A BIG SPENDER, THAT'S WHY! NOTHING'S TOO GOOD FOR MY BOYS!
DRUGGIST
HERE YOU ARE, BARBELLA. SPREAD IT AROUND--I WANT EVERY MAN TO GET SOME!
COTTON
WHAT'S THIS, ERNIE, COTTON? WHAT HAPPENED TO THE $250? YOU MEAN THE HORSE BLEW IT?
SO WHAT'S WITH THE COTTON? THE MEN PAID YOU FOR PROTECTION!
THEY'RE GETTING IT CHEAP! THERE'S ENOUGH COTTON THERE TO PLUG UP THE EARS OF THIS ENTIRE PLATOON! EVERYBODY!
COTTON
WHEN THOSE NEW WEAPONS GO OFF, THEY WON'T HEAR A THING! NOW I ASK YOU, IS THAT PROTECTION OR NOT?
SURE, SARGE, BUT FOR 250 BUCKS?
OKAY, ANYBODY COMPLAINS, I'LL PERSONALLY PAY FOR HIS BLINDFOLD! FAIR? THAT'S FAIR! THAT WILL PROTECT THEM FROM LOOKING AS WELL AS SEEING.
OKAY, ERNIE, BUT I GOT A FEELING, THIS WON'T MAKE THEM HAPPY!

OH, SARGE! THE M.P. AT THE GATE CALLED. THERE'S A VISITOR--
HUH? A VISITOR? YOU MEAN HE'S STILL THERE? WAIT A MINUTE--MAYBE IT'S THE JOCKEY OF THAT HORSE-- WANTS TO APOLOGIZE--
--GIVE ME A NEW TIP MAYBE--
EASY, SARGE-- IT'S NOT A HIM-- IT'S A HER!
A LADY VISITOR? WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO! PROBABLY SOMEBODY'S MOTHER LOADED WITH GOODIES--I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT!
OOP! WHAT TH--
CLANK!
CLANK!
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE! THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE A BARRACK, NOT A JUNK YARD!
I KNOW, SIR! I'M SORRY. I WAS BUSY WORKING AND--
WORKING? OH PARDON ME! I GUESS YOU'RE THE NEW PLUMBER WE WERE ASKING FOR TO FIX THE PIPES!
NO, SIR. I'M NOT. I'M--
NO? THEN THE STEAMFITTER, PERHAPS? YOU CAME TO FIX THE HEATING SYSTEM? YOU DON'T WANT US TO FREEZE?
NO, SIR. I--
OH, DON'T TELL ME! I KNOW! YOU'RE FROM SALVAGE! YOU'RE COLLECTING ALL THE JUNK ON THE POST FOR THE JUNK YARD, AM I CORRECT?
NO, SIR, NOT THAT EITHER! YOU SEE, I'M NEW IN THIS BARRACKS, SIR, AND I HAVEN'T HAD TIME TO FINISH SOMETHING--
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NO TIME! DEAR ME! WELL, PRIVATE WHATEVER YOUR NAME IS, WE'RE GOING TO SEE THAT YOU HAVE LOTS AND LOTS OF TIME--
Y-YESSIR!
TEN HUT!

NOW GET THIS STUFF OUT OF HERE AND TAKE IT DOWN TO THE DUMP AND BURY IT! AND WHEN YOU'RE FINISHED, I WANT YOU TO CLEAN UP THE DUMP! PUT EVERYTHING IN ORDER-- GET ME? ON THE DOUBLE NOW--
Y-YESSIR!
HARCH! HUT-HUT HUT!

SORRY, SARGE, THAT WAS THE NEW RECRUIT I TOLD YOU ABOUT-- ELBERT SOMETHING OR OTHER! TOO BAD HE GOT YOU SO EXCITED!
EXCITED? ME? ARE YOU KIDDING? I'M NOT EXCITED! BUT WHEN THAT KID FINISHES, PUT HIM TO WORK POLISHING UP THE AREA, AND WHEN HE FINISHES THAT, SEND HIM BACK TO THE JUNK YARD!

ALL RIGHT, CORPORAL, WHERE'S THAT LITTLE OLD LADY VISITOR WHO WANTS TO SEE HER SOLDIER BOY? HI-YAH-LOOK ALIVE, SOLDIER! TELL HER SGT. BILKO, HER BOY'S FRIENDLY SERGEANT, IS HERE!...
WHAT LITTLE OLD LADY, SARGE?

YOU KNOW THE ONE! THE LADY VISITOR TO SEE ONE OF MY MOTOR POOL MEN! WE LIKE TO SEE OUR MOTHERS TREATED WITH A LITTLE COMMON COURTESY, SOLDIER! THE LEAST YOU COULD HAVE DONE WAS GET HER A ROCKING CHAIR-- MAKE HER FEEL AT HOME!
MOTHER? ROCKING CHAIR? ONLY ONE VISITOR BEEN HERE TODAY, BILKO--
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THAT'S HER!
HUH?

THIS IS SGT. BILKO, MISS! HE'S IN CHARGE OF THE MOTOR POOL MEN!
OH, SGT. BILKO, MAY I SPEAK TO YOU FOR A MOMENT!
HUH? WHY SURE! BUT FIRST I HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF A VISITOR--I'M LOOKING FOR A LITTLE OLD LADY WHO WANTS TO SEE ONE OF MY MEN! YOU'RE PROBABLY WAITING FOR THE RECRUITING SERGEANT! WANT TO ENLIST, EH? FINE! FINE! WE NEED PRETTIER SOLDIERS!
OH, BUT I'M NOT ENLISTING! I'M THE VISITOR! I CAME ABOUT ELBERT!
ELBERT? WHAT'S THAT? A NEW VITAMIN?
OH, YOU MUST REMEMBER ELBERT! HE'S IN YOUR BARRACKS--HE'S A NEW RECRUIT!
THE NEW RECRUIT! OH, YES! YES, I KNOW HIM VERY WELL. YOU'RE HIS SISTER, NO DOUBT, CAME TO INQUIRE ABOUT HIS HEALTH! WELL I CAN TELL YOU HE'S FINE! FEELING GREAT! PERHAPS I CAN SHOW YOU AROUND THE POST--ONLY TAKE A FEW HOURS--
BUT I CAN'T SEE HIM? I'M HIS FIANCEE! AND THE M.P. HERE SAYS I NEED A PASS FROM YOU TO GET ON THE POST!
HIS FIANCEE? ELBERT?!? WELL, I'M AFRAID THAT WON'T BE EASY! YOU SEE HE'S ON A SPECIAL MISSION RIGHT NOW!! BUT I'M NOT BUSY--PERHAPS I CAN TAKE YOU OUT FOR A--
GAT 4
A SPECIAL MISSION? OH, HOW WONDERFUL! AND I WAS SO AFRAID THE ARMY WOULD NEVER DISCOVER HIS TALENTS!
BELIEVE ME, IT WAS EASY! AFTER ALL, YOU JUST CAN'T KEEP THINGS LIKE THAT A SECRET! WE'RE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR TALENT! HEH-HEH-- NOW ABOUT THAT WALK...
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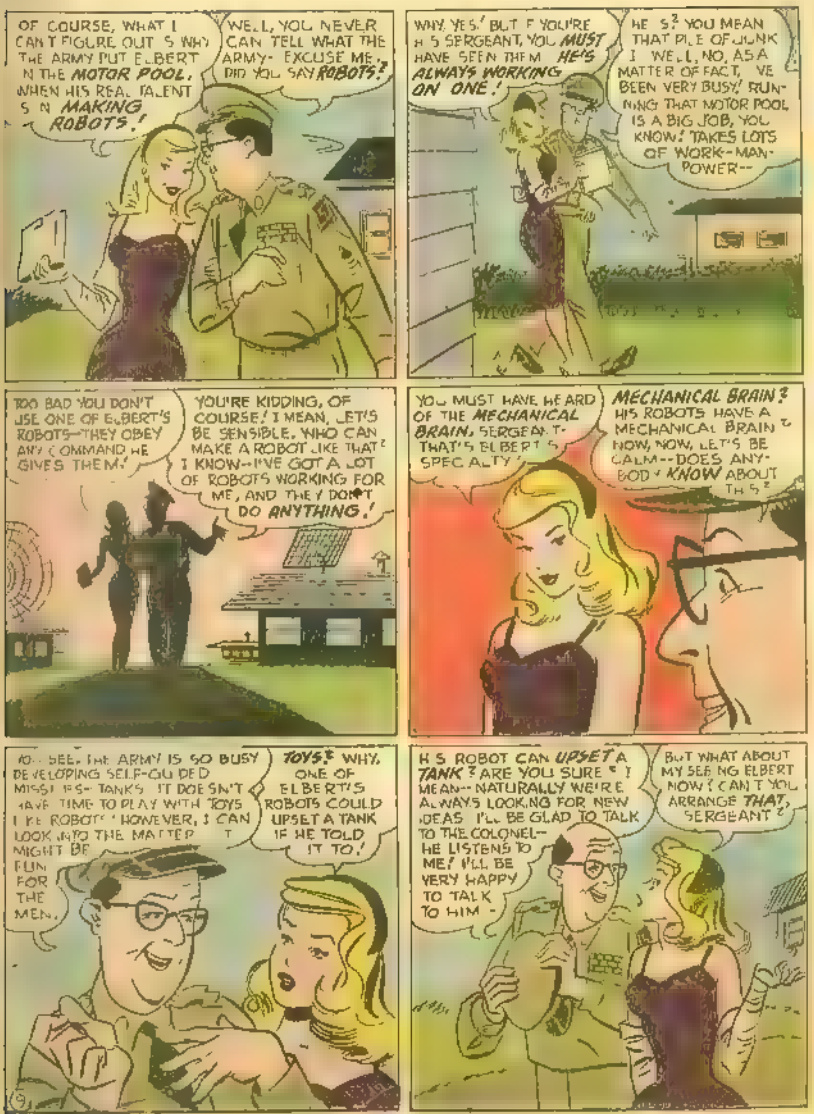
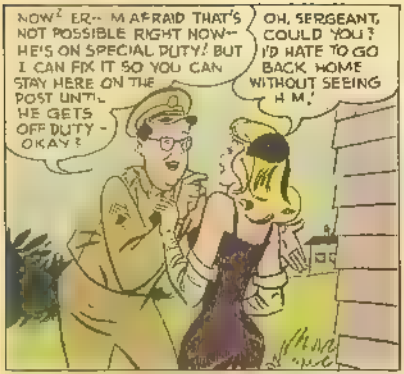
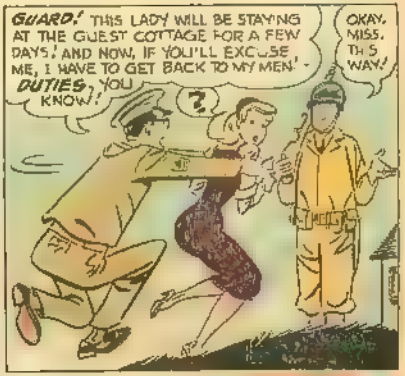
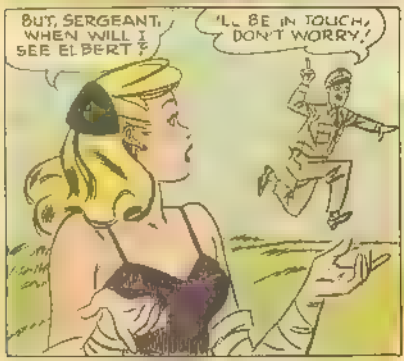
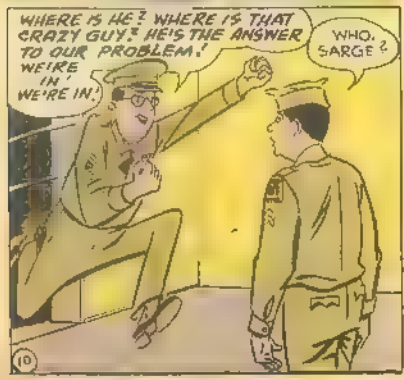

OF COURSE, WHAT I CAN'T FIGURE OUT IS WHY THE ARMY PUT ELBERT IN THE MOTOR POOL, WHEN HIS REAL TALENT IS IN MAKING ROBOTS!
WELL, YOU NEVER CAN TELL WHAT THE ARMY- EXCUSE ME, DID YOU SAY ROBOTS?
WHY, YES! BUT IF YOU'RE HIS SERGEANT, YOU MUST HAVE SEEN THEM HE'S ALWAYS WORKING ON ONE!
HE'S? YOU MEAN THAT PILE OF JUNK I WELL, NO, AS A MATTER OF FACT, WE'VE BEEN VERY BUSY! RUNNING THAT MOTOR POOL IS A BIG JOB, YOU KNOW! TAKES LOTS OF WORK-MAN-POWER--
TOO BAD YOU DON'T USE ONE OF ELBERT'S ROBOTS--THEY OBEY ANY COMMAND HE GIVES THEM!
YOU'RE KIDDING, OF COURSE! I MEAN, LET'S BE SENSIBLE. WHO CAN MAKE A ROBOT LIKE THAT? I KNOW--I'VE GOT A LOT OF ROBOTS WORKING FOR ME, AND THEY DON'T DO ANYTHING!
YOU MUST HAVE HEARD OF THE MECHANICAL BRAIN, SERGEANT-- THAT'S ELBERT'S SPECIALTY!
MECHANICAL BRAIN? HIS ROBOTS HAVE A MECHANICAL BRAIN? NOW, NOW, LET'S BE CALM--DOES ANYBODY KNOW ABOUT THIS?
TO SEE THE ARMY IS SO BUSY DEVELOPING SELF-GUIDED MISSILES- TANKS IT DOESN'T HAVE TIME TO PLAY WITH TOYS LIKE ROBOTS! HOWEVER, I CAN LOOK INTO THE MATTER IT MIGHT BE FUN FOR THE MEN.
TOYS? WHY, ONE OF ELBERT'S ROBOTS COULD UPSET A TANK IF HE TOLD IT TO!
HIS ROBOT CAN UPSET A TANK? ARE YOU SURE? I MEAN-- NATURALLY WE'RE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW IDEAS I'LL BE GLAD TO TALK TO THE COLONEL-- HE LISTENS TO ME! I'LL BE VERY HAPPY TO TALK TO HIM -
BUT WHAT ABOUT MY SEEING ELBERT NOW? CAN'T YOU ARRANGE THAT, SERGEANT?


NOW? ER-- MAFRAID THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE RIGHT NOW-- HE'S ON SPECIAL DUTY! BUT I CAN FIX IT SO YOU CAN STAY HERE ON THE POST UNTIL HE GETS OFF DUTY - OKAY?
OH, SERGEANT, COULD YOU? I'D HATE TO GO BACK HOME WITHOUT SEEING H.M.!


GUARD! THIS LADY WILL BE STAYING AT THE GUEST COTTAGE FOR A FEW DAYS! AND NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I HAVE TO GET BACK TO MY MEN! - DUTIES, YOU KNOW!
OKAY, MISS. THIS WAY!


BUT, SERGEANT, WHEN WILL I SEE ELBERT?
'LL BE IN TOUCH, DON'T WORRY!

I'VE GOT IT! I GOT IT! ALL THE PROTECTION I NEED, AND A MILLION DOLLARS IN ROYALTIES!


WHERE IS HE? WHERE IS THAT CRAZY GUY? HE'S THE ANSWER TO OUR PROBLEM! WE'RE IN! WE'RE IN!
WHO, SARGE?
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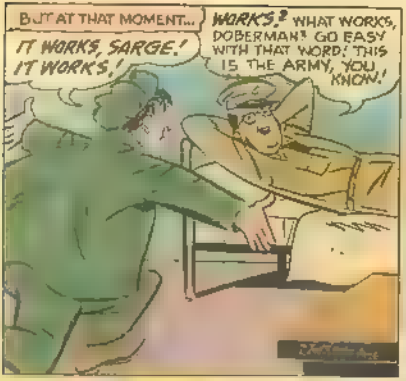
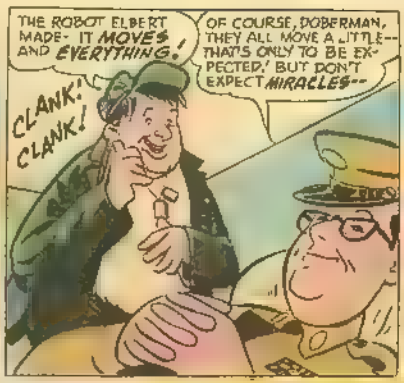
THE NEW RECRUIT-- THE ONE YOU DIDN'T WANT TO BOTHER ME WITH! I'VE GOT BIG PLANS FOR HIM, THAT ELBERT!
SARGE, DON'T YOU REMEMBER? YOU THREW HIM OUT AND PUT HIM ON THE DUMP!

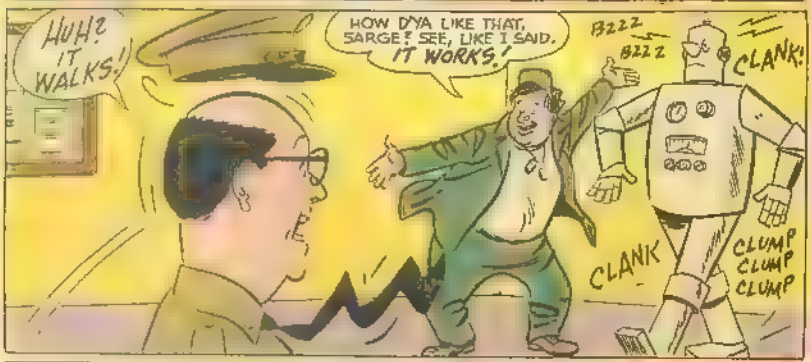
ON THE DUMP? ARE YOU KIDDING? THIS KID'S ANOTHER EDISON--A ST ENMETZ--AN EINSTEIN! DO YOU KNOW WHAT HE MAKES? ROBOTS! HE MAKES ROBOTS!
HUH? ROBOTS?
AW, WHAT'S THE GOOD EVEN IF HE DOES, SARGE,? WE'RE RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF KANSAS -- WE DON'T HAVE ANY WATER!
NOT ROWBOATS, DOBERMAN! ROBOTS! HE MAKES 'EM WITH A MECHANICAL BRAIN-- THEY DO ANYTHING HE SAYS!
NO KIDDING, SARGE, A MECHANICAL BRAIN? BOY, I SURE WISH I HAD ONE OF 'EM! I COULD TAKE IT REAL EASY AND NOT HAVE TO DO ANY THINKING!
WE'LL ALL TAKE IT EASY! JUST GET THAT KID BACK HERE
ON THE DOUBLE! HEY!
OKAY, SARGE, BUT DO ME A FAVOR, WILL YOU! LET HIM MAKE A ROBOT THAT'LL GET UP IN THE MORNING FOR ME, WILL YA? I HATE GETTING UP!
NOT ONLY WILL I HAVE HIM MAKE A ROBOT THAT WILL GET UP FOR YOU, DOBERMAN, BUT ONE THAT'LL MAKE YOUR BED FOR YOU, TOO OKAY?
GEE, SARGE, THAT'S SWELL. THANKS A LOT!
GET H.M. MAN! GO! GO!
ERNIE, YOU FLIPPED OR SOMETHING? WHAT'S WITH THE ROBOT THAT'LL DO ANYTHING? YOU REALLY THINK IT CAN MAKE UP A BUNK FOR DOBERMAN?
NOT JUST FOR DOBERMAN-- FOR ALL OF US! BARBELLA, IF THE KID'S AS GOOD AS HE'S RATED, NONE OF US WILL HAVE TO DO A THING FROM NOW ON! WE'LL LET THE ROBOT DO IT

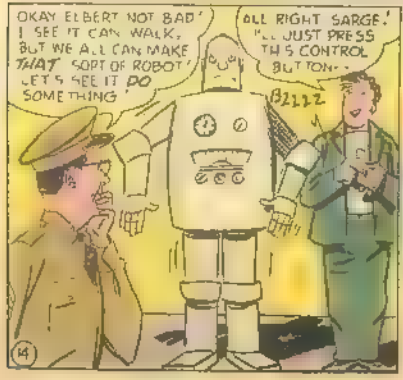
AND SO ..
DID YOU SEND FOR ME, SIR?
THAT'S RIGHT, ELBERT! I'VE GOT A NEW ASSIGNMENT FOR YOU! OF COURSE, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN HANDLE IT, BUT I'M TRYING TO GET THE ARMY INTERESTED IN ROBOTS! NOW IF YOU CAN TELL US WHERE YOU BUY YOUR TIN--
ROBOTS? GEE, THAT'S WONDERFUL! I MAKE THEM!
YOU DO? DID YOU HEAR THAT, BOYS? HE MAKES THEM. OF COURSE, I IMAGINE YOU CAN'T MAKE THEM ACTUALLY DO ANYTHING - HEH- HEH.
DO ANYTHING? MY ROBOTS ARE ALMOST HUMAN! I CAN MAKE THEM EVERYTHING!
REALLY? WELL, ISN'T THAT NICE! NOW, HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE ONE FOR US? NOTHING TOO ELABORATE.. JUST MARCH, OBEY A FEW SIMPLE COMMANDS, MAKE A FEW BEDS, PEEL POTATOES-- YOU KNOW, SORT OF A G.I. ROBOT, HM?
WELL, I'D LIKE TO, SARGE, BUT YOU SEE, I STILL HAVEN'T CLEANED UP THAT DUMP YET, AND-
THE DUMP? FORGET IT, ELBERT, THE ROBOT HAS PRIORITY! YOU JUST TELL US WHAT YOU NEED, BARBELLA, WHATEVER THIS SOLDIER NEEDS, GET IT! GET ME? DON'T CARE IF YOU STRIP EVERYTHING THAT RUNS ON THE F.E.D, OKAY?
OKAY, SARGE!
OKAY, SOLDIER, THAT'S IT! NOW GET GOING! AND REMEMBER, WE'RE DEPENDING ON YOU! IF YOUR ROBOT DOESN'T WORK, YOU'LL NEVER BE HAPPY ANYMORE BECAUSE YOU'LL ALWAYS BE DOWN IN THE DUMPS! GET IT? OKAY, MOVE!
HUP-YA, HUP.
YES, SIR! THANK YOU, SIR! AND DON'T WORRY, IT'LL WORK SWELL!
WELL, ERNIE, WHAT DO YOU THINK? YOU THINK MAYBE THAT KID CAN MAKE A ROBOT THAT'LL DO ALL THOSE THINGS?
WE'LL SURE FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH, BARBELLA! NOW DON'T INTERRUPT ME--I'VE GOT TO THINK OF A WAY TO BREAK THE NEWS TO THE COLONEL THAT HIS WORRIES ARE OVER--THE ARMY HAS A NEW SECRET WEAPON! IT OUGHT TO BE WORTH PLENTY!

MEANWHILE...
HOW ARE THINGS GOING FOR THE SECRET WEAPONS TEST, COLONEL?
FINE, LIEUTENANT, FINE. EVERYTHING'S GOING ALONG GREAT - AND I DON'T LIKE IT
COL HALL
YOU DON'T LIKE IT, SIR? BUT?
NOT A BIT. SGT BILKO'S BEEN TOO QUIET ABOUT THIS. HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN IN HERE TWO DAYS AGO WITH SOME PHONY EXCUSE TO GET OFF THAT FORMATION! HE'S UP TO SOMETHING - I CAN FEEL IT.
POSSIBLE, HE'S INTERESTED IN THE TEST, SIR...
WHAT? BILKO INTERESTED IN ARMY FORMATION? NOT A CHANCE. THE ONLY THING THAT COULD GET HIM INTERESTED IN IT WOULD BE MAKING BETS ON WHAT SECRET WEAPON WOULDN'T WORK.
THAT'S IT! I KNEW IT. I KNEW IT.
KNOW WHAT SIR?
HE'S PLANNING A BIG GAMBLING COUP--HE'LL FIND A WAY OF PUTTING THOSE NEW WEAPONS OUT OF ORDER! HAS THAT NEW TANK ARRIVED YET? THAT NEW BABY THE PENTAGON'S GOING TO DEMONSTRATE?
YES, SIR, BUT DON'T WORRY--I'VE GOT A MAN ON GUARD!
ONE MAN? TO PROTECT THE TANK FROM BILKO? DOUBLE THE GUARD, GET A WHOLE PLATOON IF NECESSARY! WE CAN'T TAKE CHANCES! I WANT THAT TANK GUARDED NIGHT AND DAY AROUND THE CLOCK! GET ME? PUT DOWN MACHINE GUN NESTS, LAND MINES-
LAND MINES, SIR? DON'T WORRY COLONEL, I'LL MAKE THAT AREA IMPREGNABLE! BILKO WON'T BE ABLE TO COME NEAR IT!


BUT AT THAT MOMENT...
IT WORKS, SARGE! IT WORK'S!
WORK'S? WHAT WORK'S, DOBERMAN? GO EASY WITH THAT WORD! THIS IS THE ARMY, YOU KNOW!


THE ROBOT ELBERT MADE- IT MOVES AND EVERYTHING!
CLANK! CLANK!
OF COURSE, DOBERMAN, THEY ALL MOVE A LITTLE-- THAT'S ONLY TO BE EXPECTED! BUT DON'T EXPECT MIRACLES--


HUH? IT WALKS!
HOW D'YA LIKE THAT, SARGE? SEE, LIKE I SAID. IT WORK'S!
BZZZ BZZZ
CLANK!
CLANK
CLUMP CLUMP CLUMP


OKAY ELBERT NOT BAD! I SEE IT CAN WALK, BUT WE ALL CAN MAKE THAT SORT OF ROBOT! LET'S SEE IT DO SOMETHING!
ALL RIGHT SARGE! I'LL JUST PRESS THIS CONTROL BUTTON--
BZZZZ
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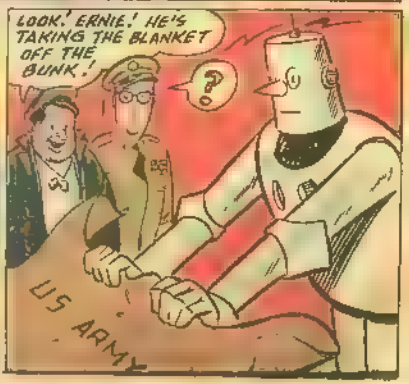
LOOK! ERNIE! HE'S TAKING THE BLANKET OFF THE BUNK!
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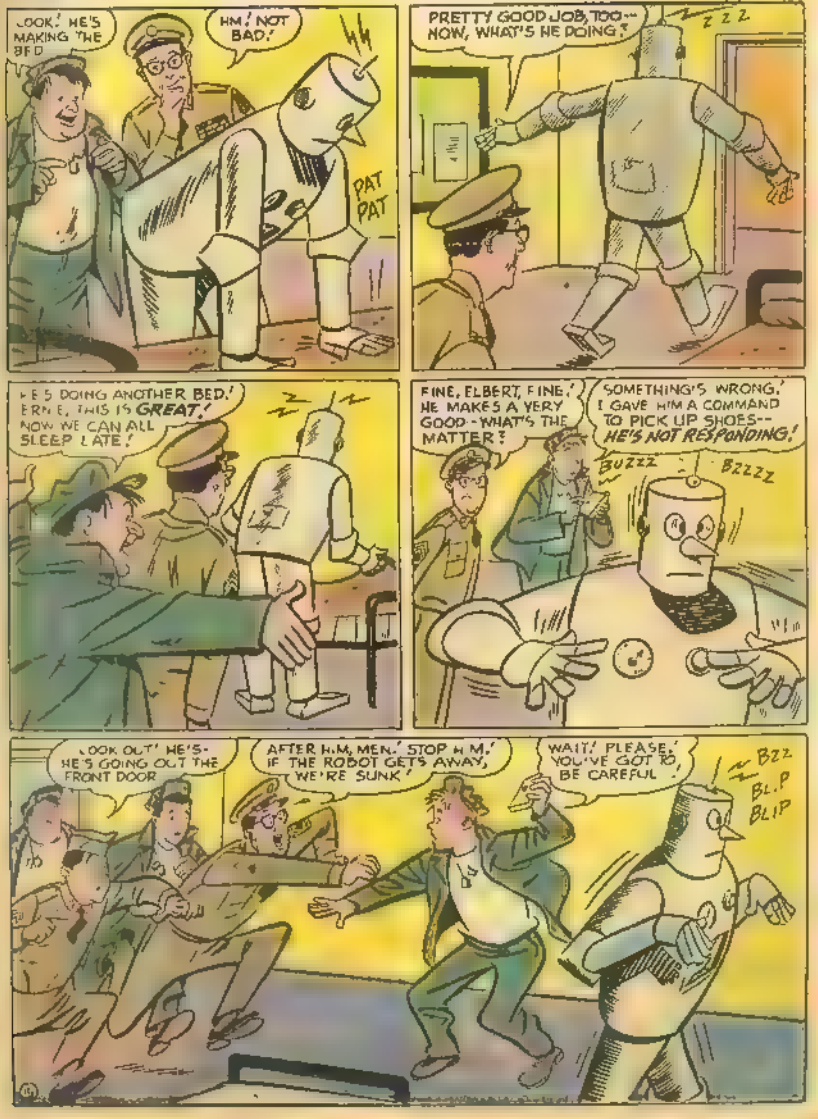
US ARMY


LOOK! HE'S MAKING THE BED
HM! NOT BAD.
PAT PAT
PRETTY GOOD JOB, TOO-- NOW, WHAT'S HE DOING?
ZZZ
HE'S DOING ANOTHER BED. ERNIE, THIS IS GREAT! NOW WE CAN ALL SLEEP LATE!
FINE, ELBERT, FINE. HE MAKES A VERY GOOD - WHAT'S THE MATTER?
SOMETHING'S WRONG. I GAVE HIM A COMMAND TO PICK UP SHOES-- HE'S NOT RESPONDING!
BUZZZ
BZZZZ
LOOK OUT! HE'S- HE'S GOING OUT THE FRONT DOOR
AFTER HIM, MEN. STOP HIM. IF THE ROBOT GETS AWAY, WE'RE SUNK!
WAIT! PLEASE. YOU'VE GOT TO BE CAREFUL
BZZ
BLIP
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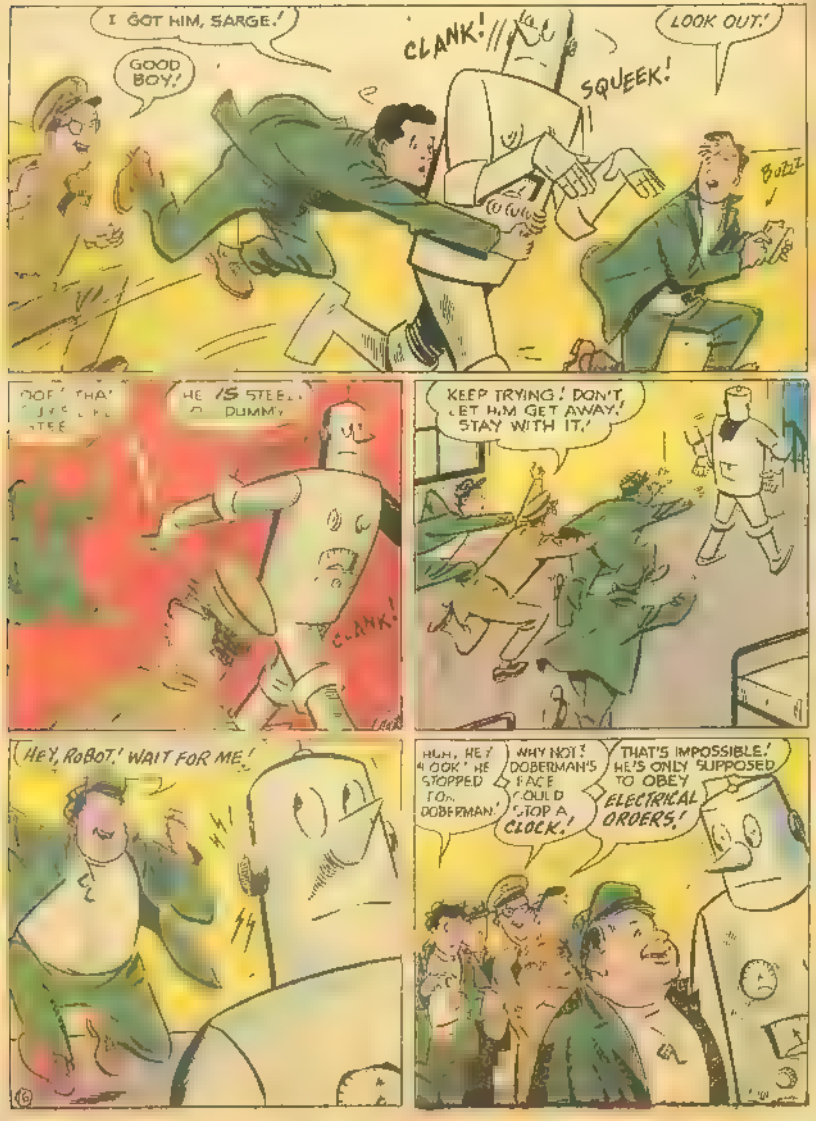
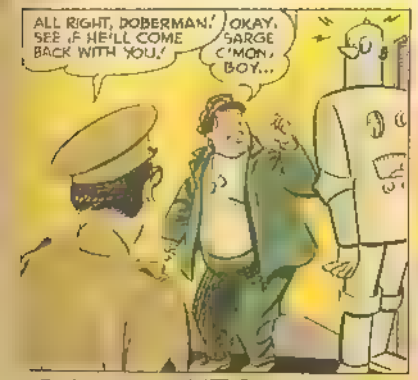
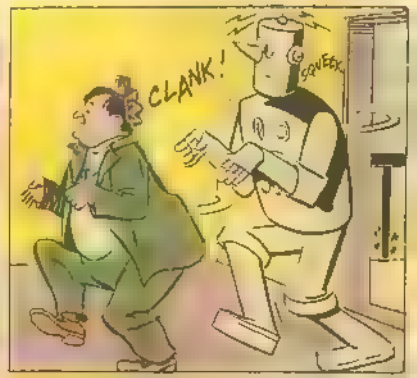
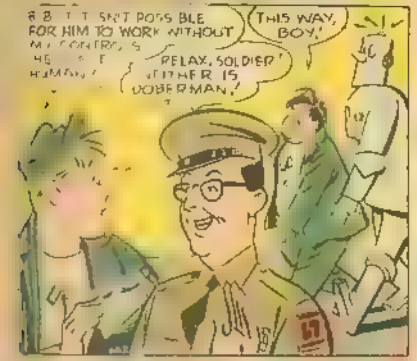
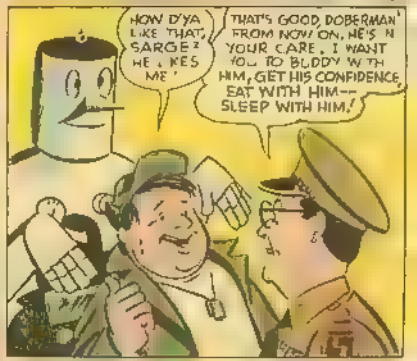

I GOT HIM, SARGE!
GOOD BOY!
CLANK!
SQUEEK!
LOOK OUT!
Bzzz
HE IS STEEL... DUMMY
CLANK!
KEEP TRYING! DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY! STAY WITH IT!
HEY, ROBOT! WAIT FOR ME!
HUH, HEY! LOOK! HE STOPPED FOR DOBERMAN!
WHY NOT! DOBERMAN'S FACE COULD STOP A CLOCK!
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! HE'S ONLY SUPPOSED TO OBEY ELECTRICAL ORDERS!

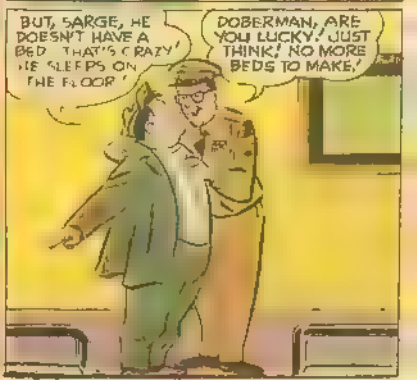

ALL RIGHT, DOBERMAN! SEE IF HE'LL COME BACK WITH YOU!
OKAY, SARGE C'MON, BOY...

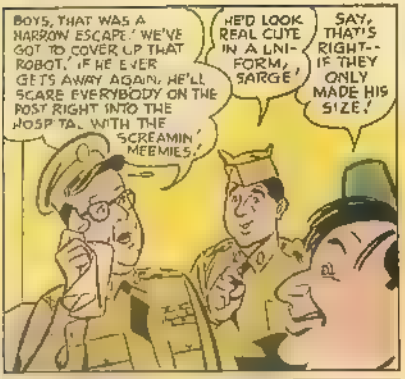

CLANK!
SQUEEK

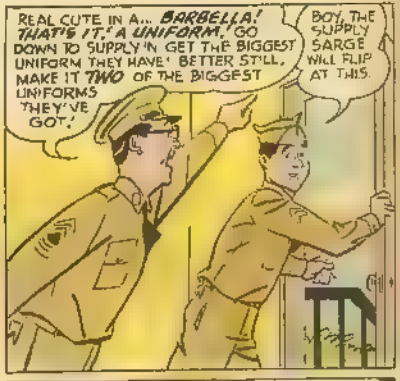

IT'S NOT POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO WORK WITHOUT MY CONTROLS HE'S HUMAN!
THIS WAY, BOY!
RELAX, SOLDIER! FATHER IS DOBERMAN!

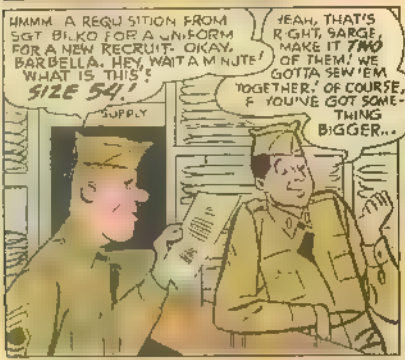

HOW D'YA LIKE THAT, SARGE? HE LIKES ME!
THAT'S GOOD, DOBERMAN! FROM NOW ON, HE'S IN YOUR CARE. I WANT YOU TO BUDDY WITH HIM, GET HIS CONFIDENCE, EAT WITH HIM-- SLEEP WITH HIM!

SLEEP WITH HIM? BUT, SARGE - HE'S TOO BIG TO SLEEP IN MY BED!
IN THAT CASE, DOBERMAN, YOU SLEEP IN HIS BED!

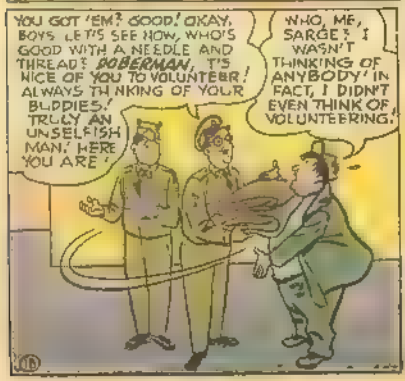

BUT, SARGE, HE DOESN'T HAVE A BED! THAT'S CRAZY! HE SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR!
DOBERMAN, ARE YOU LUCKY! JUST THINK! NO MORE BEDS TO MAKE!

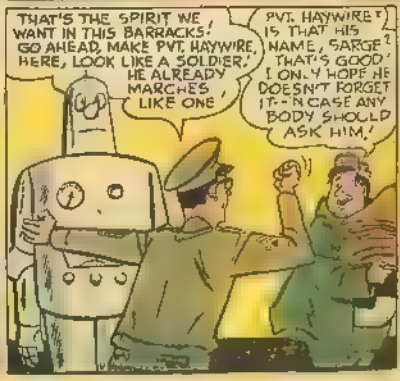

BOYS, THAT WAS A NARROW ESCAPE! WE'VE GOT TO COVER UP THAT ROBOT. IF HE EVER GETS AWAY AGAIN, HE'LL SCARE EVERYBODY ON THE POST RIGHT INTO THE HOSPITAL WITH THE SCREAMIN' MEEMIES!
HE'D LOOK REAL CUTE IN A UNIFORM, SARGE!
SAY, THAT'S RIGHT-- IF THEY ONLY MADE HIS SIZE!


REAL CUTE IN A... BARBELLA! THAT'S IT! A UNIFORM! GO DOWN TO SUPPLY 'N GET THE BIGGEST UNIFORM THEY HAVE! BETTER STILL, MAKE IT TWO OF THE BIGGEST UNIFORMS THEY'VE GOT!
BOY, THE SUPPLY SARGE WILL FLIP AT THIS.

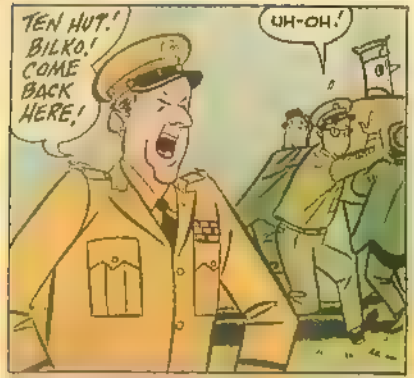

UMMM. A REQUISITION FROM SGT. BILKO FOR A UNIFORM FOR A NEW RECRUIT. OKAY, BARBELLA. HEY, WAIT A MINUTE! WHAT IS THIS? SIZE 54!
SUPPLY
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT, SARGE, MAKE IT TWO OF THEM! WE GOTTA SEW 'EM TOGETHER! OF COURSE, IF YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING BIGGER...

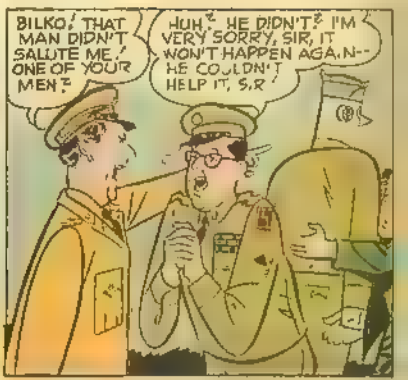
B BUT-- HOLY SMOKE! SIZE 54!
WHAT KIND OF NEW MAN YOU GOT THERE? HE DON'T SOUND HUMAN!
BELIEVE ME, HE AIN'T!

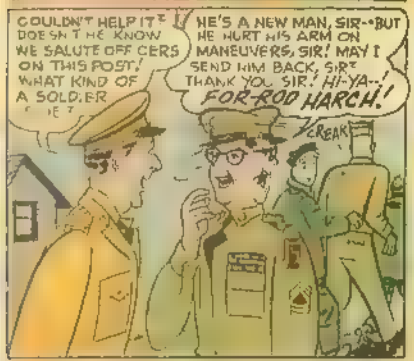

YOU GOT 'EM? GOOD! OKAY, BOYS, LET'S SEE NOW, WHO'S GOOD WITH A NEEDLE AND THREAD? DOBERMAN, IT'S NICE OF YOU TO VOLUNTEER! ALWAYS THINKING OF YOUR BUDDIES! TRULY AN UNSELFISH MAN! HERE YOU ARE!
WHO, ME, SARGE? I WASN'T THINKING OF ANYBODY! IN FACT, I DIDN'T EVEN THINK OF VOLUNTEERING!

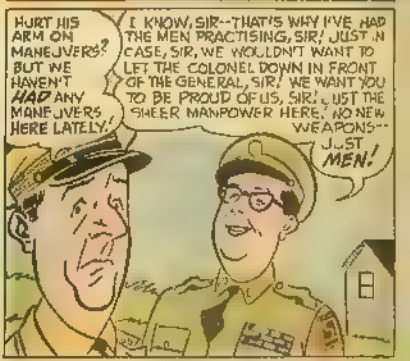

THAT'S THE SPIRIT WE WANT IN THIS BARRACKS! GO AHEAD, MAKE PVT. HAYWIRE, HERE, LOOK LIKE A SOLDIER!
HE ALREADY MARCHES LIKE ONE!
PVT. HAYWIRE? IS THAT HIS NAME, SARGE? THAT'S GOOD! I ONLY HOPE HE DOESN'T FORGET IT-- IN CASE ANYBODY SHOULD ASK HIM!

WELL, LIEUTENANT, EVERYTHING IN ORDER FOR THE NEW WEAPONS TEST? GENERAL PLINKAM SHOULD BE HERE TOMORROW!
YES, SIR, AND THE WAY I'VE GOT THOSE NEW WEAPONS SEALED OFF, IT WOULD TAKE SGT. BILKO AND A REGIMENT OF RANGERS TO BREAK THROUGH!
... AND IT WOULDN'T SURPRISE ME A BIT IF HE GOT THEM, TOO! I'M GOING DOWN THERE AND CHECK PERSONALLY-- HE'S BEEN TOO QUIET! IT'S NOT LIKE BILKO TO TAKE A THING LIKE THIS LYING DOWN!
Y-YESSIR!
ALL SET, ELBERT? LET'S GIVE IT ANOTHER WHIRL!
I'VE GONE OVER HIS ENTIRE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM, SARGE-- HE OUGHT TO WORK FINE!
THAT'S A GOOD IDEA - LET HIM MARCH UP AND DOWN FOR A WHILE! LET HIM GET USED TO THE IDEA OF BEING A SOLDIER!
BUT, SGT. BILKO, YOU KEEP FORGETTING HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY FEELINGS, HE'S JUST A ROBOT!
WHAT'S THIS? SGT. BILKO PRACTISING CLOSE ORDER DRILL? BILKO MARCHING?!
JIGGERS, IT'S THE OLD MAN!
WHAT?! OH, TEN HUT! HOW ARE YOU, SIR! LOVELY DAY! WE THOUGHT WE'D PRACTISE A LITTLE DRILLING! GET KIND OF RUSTY YOU KNOW, FIXING CARS IN THE MOTOR POOL! SOMETIMES WE FORGET WE'RE SOLDIERS-- HEH, HEH... ABOUT FACE, MEN! (GET HIM OUTTA HERE!)
SQUEEK
CLANK!


TEN HUT! BILKO! COME BACK HERE!
UH-OH!


BILKO! THAT MAN DIDN'T SALUTE ME! ONE OF YOUR MEN?
HUH? HE DIDN'T? I'M VERY SORRY, SIR, IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN-- HE COULDN'T HELP IT, SIR!


COULDN'T HELP IT? DOESN'T HE KNOW WE SALUTE OFFICERS ON THIS POST! WHAT KIND OF A SOLDIER IS HE?
HE'S A NEW MAN, SIR--BUT HE HURT HIS ARM ON MANEUVERS, SIR! MAY I SEND HIM BACK, SIR? THANK YOU SIR! HI-YA--! FOR-ROD HARCH!
CREAK


HURT HIS ARM ON MANEUVERS? BUT WE HAVEN'T HAD ANY MANEUVERS HERE LATELY!
I KNOW, SIR--THAT'S WHY I'VE HAD THE MEN PRACTISING, SIR! JUST IN CASE, SIR, WE WOULDN'T WANT TO LET THE COLONEL DOWN IN FRONT OF THE GENERAL, SIR! WE WANT YOU TO BE PROUD OF US, SIR! JUST THE SHEER MANPOWER HERE! NO NEW WEAPONS-- JUST MEN!

THE GENERAL? DO YOU MEAN GENERAL PLINKAM, THE ONE IN CHARGE OF OUR NEW WEAPONS DEMONSTRATIONS?
I BELIEVE THAT IS HIS NAME, SIR, AND HE IS AWFULLY GOOD AT MANEUVERS! AFTER ALL, HE IS A GENERAL, WHILE YOURE STILL A COLONEL--MEANING NO DISRESPECT, SIR! AND WHY, MANEUVERS OF COURSE! HE KNOWS HOW TO GET AROUND! I DARE SAY WHAT YOU'VE FORGOTTEN ABOUT WEAPONS, HE'LL NEVER KNOW, IF I MAY SAY SO, SIR!
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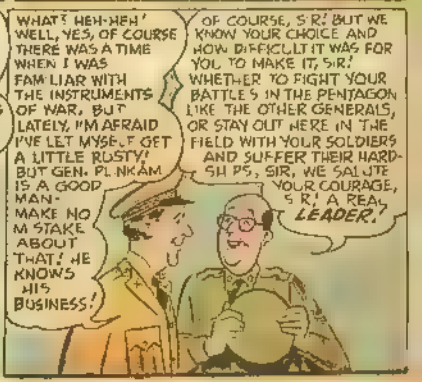
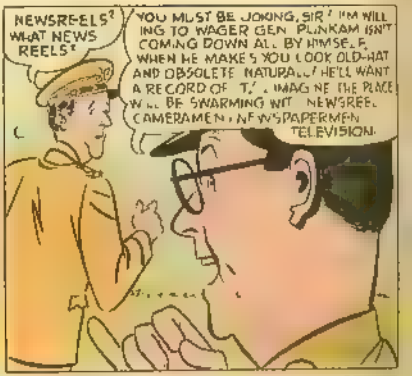
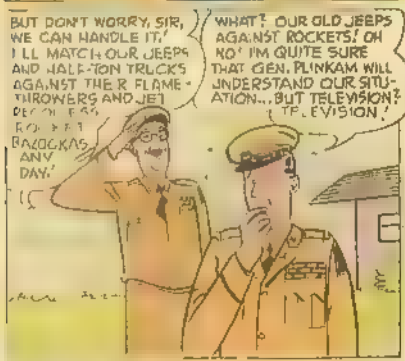
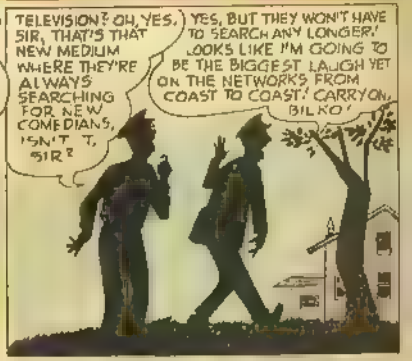

WHAT? HEH-HEH! WELL, YES, OF COURSE THERE WAS A TIME WHEN I WAS FAMILIAR WITH THE INSTRUMENTS OF WAR. BUT LATELY, I'M AFRAID I'VE LET MYSELF GET A LITTLE RUSTY! BUT GEN. PLINKAM IS A GOOD MAN-- MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT THAT! HE KNOWS HIS BUSINESS!
OF COURSE, SIR! BUT WE KNOW YOUR CHOICE AND HOW DIFFICULT IT WAS FOR YOU TO MAKE IT, SIR! WHETHER TO FIGHT YOUR BATTLES IN THE PENTAGON LIKE THE OTHER GENERALS, OR STAY OUT HERE IN THE FIELD WITH YOUR SOLDIERS AND SUFFER THEIR HARDSHIPS, SIR, WE SALUTE YOUR COURAGE, SIR! A REAL LEADER!

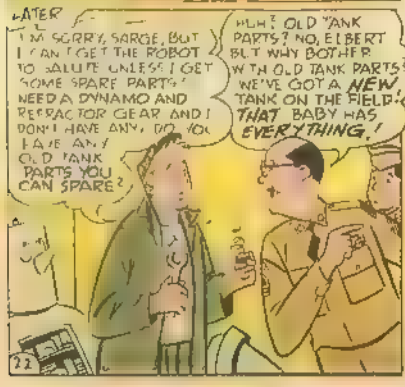
WELL, SGT. BILKO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR VOTE OF CONFIDENCE.' THEN, I TAKE IT THIS NEW WEAPONS DEMONSTRATION MEETS WITH YOUR APPROVAL?
MY APPROVAL, SIR? WHAT HAVE I TO SAY ABOUT IT, SIR? MY JOB IS SIMPLE, SIR. I JUST HAVE TO OBEY ORDERS.' BUT YOURS, SIR--WELL, OF COURSE YOU KNOW BETTER THAN I.
-AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW S.R. YOU HAVE THE SYMPATHY OF ALL THE MEN HERE, NOT JUST ME.' NATURALLY WE HATE TO SEE IT HAPPEN TO YOU, SIR, BUT WHAT CAN WE DO? OUR HANDS ARE TIED.'
WHAT? SYMPATHY? WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO ME? I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, BILKO.'
OH PLEASE SIR IT'S THAT BRAVE HEART OF THE COLONEL'S, THE DAUNTLESS SPIRIT OF LEADERS LIKE JACKSON AND LEE-- KNOWING YOU WILL BE LAUGHED AT AND RIDICULED BY THESE SLICK, PENTAGON GENERALS AND STILL NOT BE AFRAID TO ENDURE IT IN SILENCE.' WHAT A MAGNIFICENT SPIRIT YOU HAVE, SIR.'
WHAT? ME LAUGHED AT AND RIDICULED? BILKO, IF THERE'S SOMETHING YOU KNOW, TELL ME.'
WELL, PERHAPS IT HASN'T OCCURRED TO YOU, SIR, BUT WHEN THIS NEW GENERAL COMES DOWN FROM WASHINGTON WITH HIS BRAND NEW MILLION DOLLAR TOY WEAPONS TO SHOOT AND SHOW OFF, NATURALLY, IT'S GOING TO MAKE YOU AND YOUR EQUIPMENT LOOK BAD.' WHY, IT'S LIKE PUTTING A BULLDOZER UP AGAINST A WHEELBARROW!
MY EQUIPMENT? THAT'S RIGHT--IT'S ALL OLD STUFF AND OBSOLETE,' BUT GEN. PLINKAM KNOWS THAT, BILKO--THIS IS JUST A DEMONSTRATION.'
I DARE SAY THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE CALLING IT, SIR.' B. T. WE BOYS IN THE BARRACKS HAVE A BETTER NAME FOR IT, S.R.--WE CALL IT THE DOUBLE CROSS.'
DOUBLE CROSS? BUT NOBODY'S DOUBLE CROSSING ME.' THEY KNOW I DON'T HAVE ANY NEW WEAPONS.
I KNOW, SIR BUT WHAT IF YOU DID? WHEN GEN. PLINKHAM PUSHES HIS BUTTONS AND HIS TANKS GO LIKE CRAZY, HE'LL LOOK GOOD, WON'T HE? BUT WHAT DO ORDNANCE PROVIDE FOR YOU? AFTER ALL, S.R. YOU'RE THE COMMANDING OFFICER IT WOULDN'T HAVE HURT THEM TO LET YOU HAVE JUST ONE LITTLE NEW WEAPON TO DEMONSTRATE, WOULD IT? OH, NO' IT'S GENERAL PLINKAM'S SHOW!
WELL, YES, I SUPPOSE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN NICE TO-- BUT WHAT'S THE USE OF DREAMING, BILKO. THOSE ARE MY ORDERS, AND I'M OBEYING THEM.'

...AND YOU'VE GOT YOUR ORDERS, TOO, BILKO, AND YOU'D BETTER MAKE SURE YOU OBEY THEM.'
OF COURSE, SIR, BUT IF WE ONLY HAD A LITTLE MORE TIME, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO COME UP WITH SOMETHING OURSELVES,' IT WOULD LOOK BETTER IN THE NEWSREELS.'


NEWSREELS? WHAT NEWS REELS?
YOU MUST BE JOKING, SIR! I'M WILLING TO WAGER GEN. PLINKAM ISN'T COMING DOWN ALL BY HIMSELF. WHEN HE MAKES YOU LOOK OLD-HAT AND OBSOLETE NATURALLY, HE'LL WANT A RECORD OF IT. THE PLACE WILL BE SWARMING WITH NEWSREEL CAMERAMEN, NEWSPAPERMEN, TELEVISION.


BUT DON'T WORRY, SIR, WE CAN HANDLE IT. I'LL MATCH OUR JEEPS AND HALF-TON TRUCKS AGAINST THEIR FLAME-THROWERS AND JET BROOKAS ANY DAY.
WHAT? OUR OLD JEEPS AGAINST ROCKETS! OH NO! I'M QUITE SURE THAT GEN. PLINKAM WILL UNDERSTAND OUR SITUATION... BUT TELEVISION? TELEVISION!


TELEVISION? OH, YES, SIR, THAT'S THAT NEW MEDIUM WHERE THEY'RE ALWAYS SEARCHING FOR NEW COMEDIANS, ISN'T IT, SIR?
YES, BUT THEY WON'T HAVE TO SEARCH ANY LONGER. LOOKS LIKE I'M GOING TO BE THE BIGGEST LAUGH YET ON THE NETWORKS FROM COAST TO COAST. CARRY ON, BILKO!


LATER
I'M SORRY, SARGE, BUT I CAN'T GET THE ROBOT TO SALUTE UNLESS I GET SOME SPARE PARTS. I NEED A DYNAMO AND REPRACTOR GEAR AND I DON'T HAVE ANY. DO YOU HAVE ANY OLD TANK PARTS YOU CAN SPARE?
HUH? OLD TANK PARTS? NO, ELBERT BUT WHY BOTHER WITH OLD TANK PARTS? WE'VE GOT A NEW TANK ON THE FIELD! THAT BABY HAS EVERYTHING.
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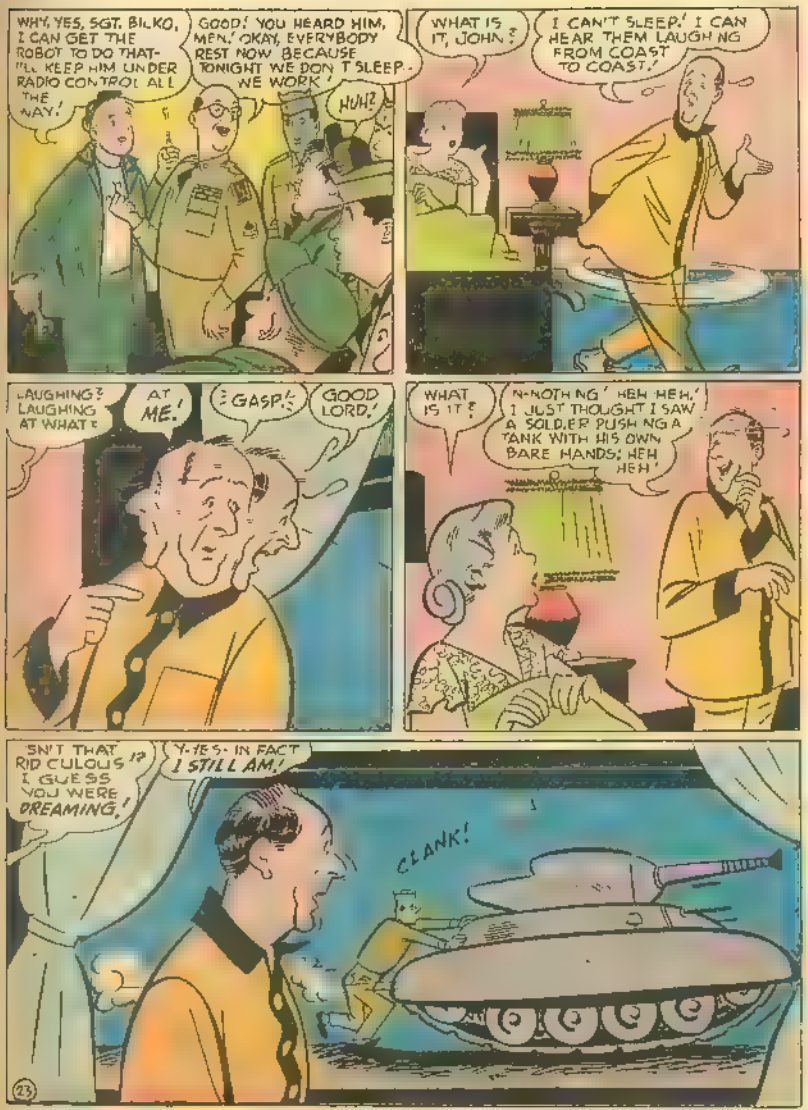
SARGE, SURE IT DOES, BUT YOU CAN'T TOUCH IT. IT'S FOR THE NEW WEAPONS TEST. BESIDES, THEY HAVE IT UNDER HEAVY GUARD.
THEY HAVE? HM WHY THIS LOOKS LIKE A JOB FOR PRIVATE HAYWIRE, ELBERT, FRONT AND CENTER.


WHY, YES, SGT. BILKO, I CAN GET THE ROBOT TO DO THAT- I'LL KEEP HIM UNDER RADIO CONTROL ALL THE WAY!
GOOD! YOU HEARD HIM, MEN! OKAY, EVERYBODY REST NOW BECAUSE TONIGHT WE DON'T SLEEP- WE WORK!
HUH?
WHAT IS IT, JOHN?
I CAN'T SLEEP! I CAN HEAR THEM LAUGHING FROM COAST TO COAST!
LAUGHING? LAUGHING AT WHAT?
AT ME!
GASP!
GOOD LORD!
WHAT IS IT?
N-NOTHING! HEH HEH! I JUST THOUGHT I SAW A SOLDIER PUSHING A TANK WITH HIS OWN BARE HANDS! HEH HEH!
ISN'T THAT RIDICULOUS? I GUESS YOU WERE DREAMING!
Y-YES- IN FACT I STILL AM!
CLANK!
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YOU'D BETTER GET SOME SLEEP, DEAR! YOU HAVE A BUSY DAY AHEAD OF YOU TOMORROW!
(GROAN) YES, DEAR! YOU DON'T KNOW HOW BUSY! I'LL BET BURT PLINKAM'S PRETTY BUSY, TOO, LINING UP THOSE (GROAN) TELEVISION AND NEWSREEL MEN.
THE PHONE! NOW WHAT?
R-RING!
YES, COL. HALL HERE, WHAT IS IT?
LIEUTENANT ANDERSON, SIR! I'M SORRY TO REPORT, SIR, SABOTEURS! ONE OF OUR NEW TANKS HAS BEEN STOLEN!
WHAT?!? THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! I MEAN, YOU SAID THAT-- OH NEVER MIND! I KNEW I WASN'T DREAMING!
WHAT'S THAT, SIR?
WHERE ARE YOU GOING AT THIS HOUR, JOHN?
OH, IT'S NOTHING--NOTHING, MY DEAR! JUST ONE OF GEN. PLINKAM'S NEW TANKS HAS BEEN STOLEN! THEY'LL HAVE A REAL GOOD LAUGH OVER THAT!
HM! THE TANK TRACKS LEAD RIGHT TO BILKO'S AREA-- MIGHTY FUNNY!
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YOU GOT EVERYTHING YOU NEED NOW, ELBERT?
YES, SIR, THANK YOU! YOU WERE RIGHT-- THOSE NEW TANKS DO HAVE EVERYTHING!
YOU MEAN DID HAVE! OKAY, NOW GET THAT ROBOT PVT. HAYWIRE, TO TAKE THE TANK BACK! I CAN'T GO THIS TIME 'D DIE LAUGHING! THE WAY THOSE GUARDS RAN, I'LL BET THEY THOUGHT KING KONG HAD BEEN DRAFTED!
YES, SIR!
?
GOOD BOY!
CLANK!
CLANK!
TEN-HUT!
SGT. BILKO! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
BILKO! WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THAT TANK?!
TANK? WHAT TANK, SIR? DOES THE COLONEL SEE A TANK?
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YES' THAT TANK BEHIND YOU.'
OH! THAT TANK, SIR.' I'M SORRY YOU NOTICED IT, SIR--THAT WAS TO BE OUR CONTR BUTION TO YOUR CAUSE, SIR! WE JUST WANTED TO CHECK IT OUT, SIR, TO MAKE SURE IT WAS SHIPSHAPE TOMORROW.' WE DIDN'T WANT GEN. PLINKAM TO LAUGH AT YOU FOR THAT, TOO, SIR! AT LEAST WE ARE MODERN, UP-TO-DATE MECHANICS!
WE'LL TALK ABOUT THAT TOMORROW, BILKO, AFTER WE SEE HOW THE TANK RUNS! BUT THAT MAN THERE- THAT BIG FELLOW YOU HAD PUSHING THE TANK
OH, THAT MAN, SIR? PVT. HAYWIRE, GOOD MAN, SIR- VERY STRONG! AND IF YOU'LL NOTICE SIR, HE'S SALUTING YOU, SIR--THAT'LL BE ALL, HAYWIRE.'
BUT WASN'T HE THE MAN HURT AT--ER YOUR MANEUVERS?
ER--YES, SIR- BUT HE'S YOUNG, SIR--STRONG AND YOUNG' THEY RECOVER FAST NOT LIKE YOU AND I SIR' HEH-HEH!'
I DON'T KNOW WE HAD A MAN STRONG ENOUGH TO PUSH A TANK, BILKO. I'D LIKE TO TALK TO HIM, PRIVATE...
TALK TO HIM? I'M AFRAID THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE SIR' HE DOESN'T SPEAK ENGLISH, SIR' HE'S A VERY NEW MAN'
DOESN'T SPEAK ENGLISH' THEN HOW COME THE ARMY TOOK HIM' WHAT KIND OF MEN ARE THEY SENDING US THESE DAYS'
WELL, SIR, YOU SEE WE CAN'T COMPLAIN.' TRUE, HE CAN'T SPEAK YET, SIR, BUT WE'RE TEACHING HIM, SIR! EVERY NIGHT A NEW WORD' STOP!' STOP!' PVT. HAYWIRE.' ER- THAT'S TONIGHT'S WORD, SIR--STOP!'
CLANK' CLANK.
GO AFTER HIM, DOBERMAN' HE'S NOT STOPPING THE CONTROLS
THE CONTROLS? WHAT CONTROLS?
OKAY, SARGE!
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ER- WELL, YOU SEE SIR, SINCE HE DOESN'T SPEAK ENGLISH, AND IS VERY GIFTED MECHANICALLY, WE SPEAK TO HIM ELECTRICALLY WITH BUZZES. IT'S SORT OF A UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE, SIR, FOR TECHNICIANS.
SPEAK TO HIM WITH BUZZES?- ELECTRICALLY! BILKO, YOU'RE UP TO SOMETHING-- WHAT IS IT?
NOTHING, SIR! YOU CAN TRUST ME, SIR! AFTER ALL, WE DO TRY TO EDUCATE HIM ON OUR OWN FREE TIME, AND WE HAVE A HARD DAY TOMORROW. MAY WE TURN IN, SIR?
ER- ALL RIGHT BILKO! YES BY ALL MEANS, GET SOME REST. WE'RE ALL GOING TO HAVE A HARD DAY TOMORROW.
SPEAK TO HIM ELECTRICALLY! I'LL BE HANGED. OH WELL BILKO KNOWS WHAT HE'S DOING, I IMAGINE CERTAINLY IS A STRANGE FORM OF COMMUNICATION THOUGH.
GUESS I BETTER GET SOME SLEEP MYSELF- HUH? WHAT'S THAT?
CLANK! CLANK!
WHAT- NO! PUT ME DOWN! GOOD HEAVENS! I FORGOT- HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND ENGLISH -ONLY ELECTRICITY! BUZZ BUZZ, SOLDIER! BUZZ BUZZ! BUZZ, BUZZ, BUZZ!
HALP!
CLANK! CLANK!

DOBERMAN! WHERE'S THE ROBOT?
YOU MEAN PVT. HAYWIRE, SARGE? I DUNNO- HE GOT AWAY, YOU KNOW SOMETHING, SARGE, I THINK THAT GUY REALLY IS HAYWIRE!
HALP!
UH-OH! THAT SOUNDS LIKE THE COLONEL! DON'T TELL ME- ON NO! C'MON, DOBERMAN!
GEE!
HALP!
OMIGOSH! HE'S GOT THE COLONEL.
BUZZ-BUZZ BUZZ-BUZZ YOU SPEAK TO HIM BILKO; HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND ME!
BUZZ BUZZ. BUZZ.
IT'S ALL RIGHT, SIR! I'VE GOT HIM DROP HIM PVT. HAYWIRE! DROP HIM!
BUZZ! BUZZ. OOF!
SORRY SIR YOU'LL HAVE TO EXCUSE HIM! LIKE I SAID, HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND ENGLISH- I MEAN-
LOOK, SARGE! HE LOST HIS HEAD!
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GOOD HEAVENS! WHAT HAVE I DONE!? PULLED HIS HEAD OFF?
THAT'S ALL RIGHT, COLONEL! HE HAD IT COMING!
HAD IT COMING? WHAT KIND OF COLD-BLOODED MAN ARE YOU, BILKO? THIS WAS ONE OF MY OWN MEN! I'LL HAVE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HIS IMMEDIATE FAMILY!
WELL, NOT EXACTLY ONE OF YOUR MEN, SIR! I THINK WE CAN HUSH IT UP!
HUSH IT UP? WAIT!--THERE'S SOMETHING QUEER ABOUT THIS--THE REST OF HIM IS STILL STANDING! BILKO...
WELL, SIR--IT'S LIKE I SAID, SIR, HE'S NOT EXACTLY ONE OF YOUR MEN! YOU SEE, SIR--WE ONLY CALLED HIM PVT. HAYWIRE ACTUALLY HE'S, JUST A ROBOT!
A ROBOT? BILKO, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
YOU SEE, SIR, IT ALL STARTED WITH THAT NEW WEAPON TEST--AND SEEING AS HOW YOU WERE STUCK WITH NO NEW WEAPON OF YOUR OWN, WE DECIDED TO MAKE ONE FOR YOU!
IT WAS OUR ANSWER TO GEN. PLINKAM'S SNEAK ATTACK ON YOU HERE AT FORT BAXTER! WE D.D IT TO KEEP THEM FROM LAUGHING AT YOU, SIR!
AND YOU MEAN THIS ROBOT DID ALL THOSE THINGS? BILKO! IT'S AMAZING! I HAD NO IDEA THEY WERE SO--SO--AHEM--HUMAN! WHY, IT ALMOST FOOLED ME--HEH-HEH-HEH!
...AND IF EVERYTHING HAD GONE WELL, WE WOULD HAVE GIVEN THEM SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT TOMORROW, COLONEL! THIS ROBOT, MADE WITH THE SWEAT AND INGENUITY OF YOUR OWN MEN, CAPABLE OF DOING ANYTHING, SIR--
WELL, PUT IT AWAY, BILKO, AFTER ALL, THIS IS GEN. PLINKAM'S SHOW! I DON'T WANT TO DO ANYTHING TO INTERFERE WITH HIS DEMONSTRATION!

BUT SIR WE CAN HAVE PVT HAYWIRE - I MEAN THE ROBOT, FIXED UP BY TOMORROW, SIR, ACTUALLY HE'D BE MORE IMPRESSIVE THAN ANY OF US, SIR! AFTER ALL THE GENERAL KNOWS WHAT PLAIN SOLDIERS LIKE US CAN DO!
WHAT?! I'M BEGINNING TO SEE IT ALL, NOW, OF COURSE! YOU DESIGNED THIS ROBOT SO YOU COULD GET OUT OF THE FORMATION! I KNEW IT! NOTHING DOING! YOU'LL SHOW UP WITH YOUR MEN LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE
BUT, SIR--
NOT ANOTHER WORD! THAT'S IT! DISMISSED, BILKO!
GEE SARGE NOW WHAT? LOOKS LIKE WE GOTTA GO THROUGH WITH IT AFTER ALL HUH!
I DUNNO. BARBELLA MAYBE I CAN STILL FIGURE A WAY OUT - I ONLY HAD AN ANGLE
SGT. BILKO, THERE'S AN ANGRY WOMAN TRYING TO SEE YOU -
AN ANGRY WOMAN? WHY SHOULD I WANT TO SEE AN ANGRY WOMAN? I WOULDN'T WANT TO SEE AN ANGRY WOMAN EVEN IF SHE WAS A PRETTY ANGRY WOMAN! WHO NEEDS IT?
YOU'LL SEE THIS ANGRY WOMAN, SGT. BILKO. I THOUGHT YOU SAID I COULD SEE ELBERT! I'VE BEEN HERE A WEEK NOW AND I CAN'T STAY ANY LONGER--
I'M SORRY MY DEAR, BUT THESE THINGS DO TAKE TIME. ELBERT IS VERY BUSY, YOU SEE HE'S WORKING ON A SPECIAL JOB - A ROBOT THAT WILL DO ANYTHING. WE'VE GOT TO SHOW IT OFF TO A VERY IMPORTANT GENERAL TOMORROW. NAME OF PLINKAM. SOME BIG SHOT FROM THE PENTAGON! AND IF HE LIKES ELBERT'S WORK YOU'RE IN.
WHAT? DADDY-- COMING HERE TOMORROW HOW WONDERFUL
HUH? GENERAL PLINKAM IS YOUR FATHER? THE ANGLE I MEAN-- THE PASS! BARBELLA, QUICK-- A PASS FOR ELBERT TO SEE THIS CHARMING YOUNG LADY! BUT NOT FOR TOO LONG-- HE'S STILL GOT WORK TO DO TONIGHT.
OKAY, SARGE! HERE!

NOW WHAT, SARGE?
I THINK IF THIS YOUNG LADY WILL MENTION TO HER FATHER THAT WE HAVE A NEW GUIDED MISSILE ON OUR FIELD--I'LL BE ABLE TO GIVE ELBERT A 3-DAY PASS--OKAY? IT WOULD DO WONDERS FOR ELBERT'S CAREER! YOU SEE, THE ARMY NEEDS ROBOTS!
WONDERFUL! I'LL SPEAK TO PAPA ABOUT IT, SGT. BILKO--AND THANKS A MILLION! TELL ELBERT I'LL BE WAITING!
NEXT DAY...
WELL, COL. HALL, EVERYTHING READY FOR THE SHOW?
SHOW? OH, YES, GEN. PLINKAM! I SUPPOSE YOU BROUGHT ALL THE T.V. MEN WITH YOU, THE NEWSREEL CAMERAMEN, THE REPORTERS--
WHAT? ARE YOU SERIOUS? COL. HALL, THIS TEST IS TO BE TAKEN IN THE UTMOST SECRECY!
WHAT? BUT I HEARD--I MEAN, I THOUGHT--ER--IT IS?
NATURALLY! WE'RE NOT SURE THIS NEW TANK WILL WORK--THAT'S WHY WE PICKED AN OUT-OF-THE-WAY SPOT LIKE YOUR CAMP TO TRY IT OUT! NOBODY AROUND TO LAUGH AT ME, IN CASE IT DOESN'T WORK!
HUH? LAUGH AT YOU? HA-HA-HA! I MEAN--SORRY, SIR...
GET ME SGT. BILKO! I WANT TO TALK TO HIM AT ONCE!
WHAT? SGT. BILKO? THAT'S THE NAME! I UNDERSTAND THIS MAN HAS BUILT SOMETHING OR OTHER THAT CAN DO AMAZING THINGS!
I'D LIKE TO SEE IT!
WHAT? HAS SGT. BILKO SEEN YOU, GENERAL, WITH HIS CRAZY--
NO, I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM, COLONEL! BUT I'VE HEARD ABOUT HIM FROM SOMEBODY THAT IS VERY CLOSE TO ME! I UNDERSTAND IT MAY NOT WORK, BUT I HAVE TO HUMOR THIS PERSON--DO I MAKE MYSELF CLEAR?

AND SO...
WONDERFUL, COLONEL, SIMPLY WONDERFUL! THE ONLY THING THAT WORKED WAS YOUR ROBOT! THAT MIRACLE TANK OF MINE COULDN'T DO A THING!
WELL, HEH-HEH... NATURALLY WE DO HAVE A FEW THINGS UP OUR SLEEVES, EVEN IF WE HAVE BEEN FORGOTTEN IN WASHINGTON, GENERAL!
OH, HE IS A GENIUS, SIR! WHO ELSE WOULD HAVE HAD THE NERVE AND IMAGINATION TO PRESENT A THING LIKE THIS TO THE ARMY? MOST OF US WOULD EXPECT SOME SORT OF REWARD-- PROMOTION, FURLOUGH, BETTER LIVING CONDITIONS-- BUT NOT HIM, OUR BELOVED LEADER!
AHEM! THAT WILL BE ALL, BILKO! NO PROMOTIONS! NO FURLOUGHS! NO DEALS! I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DRIVING AT!
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DEALS, SIR? HOW COULD YOU EVER... OH, EXCUSE ME, HOW CARELESS OF ME! WOULD THE GENERAL CARE TO LOOK INSIDE OUR ROBOT-- TO SEE THE PARTS THAT MADE HIM TICK?
ER--THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY, BILKO! GEN. PUNKAM HAS SEEN ENOUGH-- HE'S A BUSY MAN!
WAIT A SECOND, HALL! I WOULD LIKE TO LOOK INSIDE THIS CRITTER, AT THAT, BY GODFREY-- HANG THE TIME! IT DID WORK, YOU KNOW!
ACTUALLY, NOTHING, BUT SOME SPARE PARTS-- YOU COULD PROBABLY FIND THEM IN ANY TANK, GENERAL!
WHY, THESE ARE IDENTICAL TO THE PARTS IN OUR NEW MIRACLE TANK! AND LOOK AT WHAT YOUR INVENTION PERFORMED WHILE MY TANK DIDN'T EVEN MOVE! I'M GOING TO SPEAK ABOUT THIS IN WASHINGTON, JACK! THERE'LL BE A BIGGER APPROPRIATION NEXT YEAR FOR ROBOTS, THANKS TO YOU AND YOUR MEN!
HUH? BUT--I-ER--OH, THANK YOU, GENERAL!
LATER...
HEY, SARGE! NOW THAT NEW WEAPONS TEST IS OVER, I GUESS WE CAN ALL RELAX, HUH?! AND YOU KNOW SOMETHING?-- I'M GONNA MISS THAT PVT. HAYWIRE ROBOT! HE SURE MADE ME HAPPY! THE WAY HE LIKED ME!
I'VE GOT GOOD NEWS FOR YOU, DOBERMAN! A LITTLE SIDELINE I'M GOING INTO-- I'M LETTING THESE GO AT A DOLLAR APIECE! OF COURSE, THEY'RE CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN. BUT--HOW MANY CAN I PUT YOU DOWN FOR?
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BUT, SARGE-- WHY DOES IT ALWAYS HAVE TO BE ME?
YOU'LL TAKE A DOZEN? FINE! WHO'S NEXT? STEP RIGHT UP, MEN--WHEN YOU'RE TIRED OF MARCHING, JUST WIND UP ONE OF THESE LITTLE FELLOWS AND MAKE HIM WORK! WHAT DO I HEAR?
YOU CAN'T WIN!
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GEE, PETE, WHERE'S ALL THE OLD GANG I MET WHEN I VISITED YOU LAST SUMMER?
OH, SOME MOVED AWAY—BUT A LOT OF NEW KIDS MOVED IN HERE, TOO.
YEAH, AND THEY DON'T LOOK LIKE OUR KIND.
HUH?.. COME ON, SAM, THE GAME'S GOING TO START NOW!
CARAMBA! THAT'S HITTING THEM BASE-BALL.
GET THAT. CAN'T EVEN SPEAK ENGLISH.
OH, BROTHER. THERE GOES YOUR GAME. HE PROBABLY CAN'T HIT A BALL EITHER.
AW, LAY OFF, SAM. GIVE LUIS A CHANCE.
STRIKE ONE!
WHAT'D I TELL YOU? GEE, YOU SURE GOT A BUNCH OF LEMONS MOVED INTO THIS NEIGHBORHOOD.
WOW! A HOMER. THAT'S HITTING THEM BASEBALL. EH, SAM? I TOLD YOU—JUST GIVE HIM A CHANCE.
PETE'S RIGHT IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE. WHEN NEW FOLKS, KIDS OR GROWN-UPS MOVE INTO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, GIVE THEM A CHANCE—TO BE FRIENDS AND GOOD NEIGHBORS.

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